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Bad Fischau.

- On 3 July 1951, the installations in Bad Fischau (O 18/X 34) which were previously occupied by Soviet troops were vacant, and no Soviet soldiers were seen in town. Several low wooden buildings in the barracks installation were torn down on 5 July.

Wiener Neustadt.

- On 5 July, there were fewer troops in the Artillerie Kaserne in Wiener Neustadt (O 48/X 34) than usual. About 30 soldiers were drilling in the barracks yard. On 3 and 5 July, the hutment west of the town was guarded by only one sentry. *

Eisenstadt.

- The loading of air force motor vehicles with a variety of equipment in the Kattner settlement at Eisenstadt (P 40/X 55) was suggestive of a departure of troops. In addition to airmen, some soldier with red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered red epaulets were seen there. The radio station previously located near the athletic field southeast of the railroad station was no longer seen. The Jaeger Kaserne and the former provincial government building quartered soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets, black-bordered red epaulets, and a few wearing blue epaulets. Sentries were black-bordered red epaulets. Officers observed included 7 with black-bordered red epaulets, with a major as the ranking officer; and 5 with red-bordered black epaulets, with a captain as the ranking officer.

Kaiserebersdorf.

- The barracks installation in Kaiserebersdorf (P 49/X 48) was entirely vacated by Soviet troops on 7 July, and the buildings turned over to the Austrian Federal Housing Administration. **

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- * [REDACTED] Comment. Elements of the 95th Gds Itz Rifle Div, probably components of the 91th Gds Itz Rifle Regt, were last confirmed in the barracks installation north of the Bad Fischau railroad station in late May 1951. See [REDACTED]. The present report stating that Soviet soldiers were no longer seen and that wooden barracks were torn down indicates

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that the troops from Bad Fischau were reassigned to another permanent post and not temporarily transferred to a troop training grounds. However, confirmatory information is required. Changes in the occupation seemed to have also occurred in the Soviet-occupied quarters in Wiener Neustadt since the last report of late May 1951. See [REDACTED]

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Comment. According to [REDACTED], a tank unit of the 13th Gds Mecz Div was stationed in Kaiserebersdorf prior to the fall of 1950. The present report confirms a report by another source stating that no Soviet troops were stationed there on 27 June 1951. See [REDACTED]

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A report that the installation was turned over to Austrian authorities was published by Vienna newspapers.

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